

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4~~7~~, further comprising:
billing a party to said message for said generating of said status notification.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a status notification or reply for a message in a communications network comprising:

assigning a message identifier and a destination identifier to said message in response to a request of said status notification or reply, the destination identifier comprising a destination format and a destination address;

storing said message with said message identifier and said destination identifier;
generating said status notification or reply addressed and formatted according to said destination identifier, in response to a triggering event;

assigning a disposition identifier to said message to track a change to a status of said message, said disposition identifier responding to a disposition event, the triggering event comprising the disposition event wherein said disposition event comprises at least one of a managing event and a dispatching event;

~~The method of claim 6,~~

wherein said managing event comprises at least one of:

accessing said message;

deleting said message;

presenting an indication of said message;

expiring said message; and

terminating a recipient of said message from said communications network.

8. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a status notification or reply for a message in a communications network comprising:

assigning a message identifier and a destination identifier to said message in response to a request of said status notification or reply, the destination identifier comprising a destination format and a destination address;

storing said message with said message identifier and said destination identifier;

generating said status notification or reply addressed and formatted according to said destination identifier, in response to a triggering event;

assigning a disposition identifier to said message to track a change to a status of said message, said disposition identifier responding to a disposition event, the triggering event comprising the disposition event wherein said disposition event comprises at least one of a managing event and a dispatching event,

The method of claim 6, wherein said managing event comprises at least one of:
denying said status notification of said message; and
malfunctioning of said status notification of said message.

9. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a status notification or reply for a message in a communications network comprising:

assigning a message identifier and a destination identifier to said message in response to a request of said status notification or reply, the destination identifier comprising a destination format and a destination address;

storing said message with said message identifier and said destination identifier;

generating said status notification or reply addressed and formatted according to said destination identifier, in response to a triggering event;

assigning a disposition identifier to said message to track a change to a status of said message, said disposition identifier responding to a disposition event, the triggering event comprising the disposition event wherein said disposition event comprises at least one of a managing event and a dispatching event

The method of claim 6, wherein said dispatching event comprises at least one of:

forwarding said message; and
replying to said message.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~27~~, wherein said triggering event further comprises a passage of time.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~17~~, wherein said destination identifier comprises:

an address identifier having said destination address; and
a format identifier having said destination format.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein said address identifier comprises at least one of:

an email address; and
an access address.

13. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein said format identifier comprises at least one of:

an audio format;
a video format;
a text format;
a short message service format; and
a markup language document format.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~17~~, wherein said communications network comprises at least one of:

an electronic communications network;
a text-based communications network;
a telecommunications network;
a video-enabled communications network; and
a multimedia-enabled communications network.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~1~~7, wherein said message identifier comprises at least one of:

- a type identifier;
- an alphanumeric identifier;
- a capabilities identifier; and
- an annotation.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~1~~7, wherein said message identifier comprises at least one of:

- a communication network identifier
- a device identifier;
- a role identifier;
- a party identifier
- a date identifier; and
- a time identifier.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein said role identifier comprises at least one of:

- an originator;
- a sender;
- a caller;
- a recipient; and
- a system administrator.

18. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein said party identifier comprises at least one of:

- an email address;
- an access address;
- a voice sample; and
- an image.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~2~~7 further comprising storing an attribute for said status notification for said message, wherein said attribute comprises at least one of:

- said message identifier;
- said destination identifier;
- said disposition identifier; and
- said status notification.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19, further comprising administrative functionality, wherein said administrative functionality comprises at least one of:

- deleting said attribute;
- monitoring said attribute;
- moving said attribute;
- forwarding said attribute;
- securing said attribute;
- archiving said attribute;
- backing up said attribute;
- informing a recipient of said attribute; and
- blocking said attribute.

21.-24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~21~~28, wherein said process is further operative to bill a party to said message for said generating of said status notification or reply.

26. (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~22~~28, wherein said triggering event further comprises a passage of time.

27. (Canceled)

28. (Currently Amended) A system to provide a status notification or reply for a message in a communications network comprising:

a processor for prompting a message sender to assign a message identifier and a destination identifier for said message in response to a request of said status notification or reply, the destination identifier comprising a destination format and a destination address, said processor associating said message identifier and said destination identifier with said message, and said processor generating said status notification or reply addressed and formatted according to said destination identifier, in response to a triggering event, wherein said processor is further operative to assign a disposition identifier to said message to track a change to a status of said message, said disposition identifier responding to a disposition event, said triggering event including said disposition event, wherein said disposition event comprises at least one of a managing event and a dispatching event.

The system of claim 27, wherein said managing event comprises at least one of:
accessing said message;
deleting said message;
presenting an indication of said message;
expiring said message; and
terminating a recipient of said message from said communications network.

29. (Currently Amended) A system to provide a status notification or reply for a message in a communications network comprising:

a processor for prompting a message sender to assign a message identifier and a destination identifier for said message in response to a request of said status notification or reply, the destination identifier comprising a destination format and a destination address, said processor associating said message identifier and said destination identifier with said message, and said processor generating said status notification or reply addressed and formatted according to said destination identifier, in response to a triggering event, wherein said processor is further operative to assign a disposition identifier to said message to track a change to a status of said message, said disposition identifier responding to a disposition event, said triggering event including said

disposition event, wherein said disposition event comprises at least one of a managing event and a dispatching event.~~The system of claim 27,~~

_____ wherein said managing event comprises at least one of:
denying said status notification of said message; and
malfunctioning of said status notification of said message.

30. (Currently Amended) A system to provide a status notification or reply for a message in a communications network comprising:

_____ a processor for prompting a message sender to assign a message identifier and a destination identifier for said message in response to a request of said status notification or reply, the destination identifier comprising a destination format and a destination address, said processor associating said message identifier and said destination identifier with said message, and said processor generating said status notification or reply addressed and formatted according to said destination identifier, in response to a triggering event, wherein said processor is further operative to assign a disposition identifier to said message to track a change to a status of said message, said disposition identifier responding to a disposition event, said triggering event including said disposition event, wherein said disposition event comprises at least one of a managing event and a dispatching event.~~The system of claim 27,~~

_____ wherein said dispatching event comprises at least one of:
forwarding said message; and
replying to said message.

31. (Currently Amended) ~~The system of claim 24~~28, wherein said destination identifier comprises:

an address identifier having said destination address; and
a format identifier having said destination format.

32. (Original) The system of claim 31, wherein said address identifier comprises at least one of:

an email address; and

an access address.

33. (Original) The system of claim 31, wherein said format identifier comprises at least one of:

- an audio format;
- a video format;
- a text format;
- a short message service format; and
- a markup language document format.

34. (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~21~~28, wherein said communications network comprises at least one of:

- an electronic communications network;
- a text-based communications network;
- a telecommunications network;
- a video-enabled communications network; and
- a multimedia-enabled communications network.

35. (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~21~~28 wherein said message identifier comprises at least one of:

- a type identifier;
- an alphanumeric identifier;
- a capabilities identifier; and
- an annotation.

36. (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~21~~28, wherein said message identifier comprises at least one of:

- a communication network identifier;
- a device identifier;
- a role identifier;
- a party identifier;

a date identifier; and
a time identifier.

37. (Original) The system of claim 36, wherein said role identifier comprises at least one of:

an originator;
a sender;
a caller;
a recipient; and
a system administrator.

38. (Original) The system of claim 36, wherein said party identifier comprises at least one of:

an email address;
an access address; a voice sample; and an image.

39. (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~2228~~, said processor further operative for storing an attribute for said status notification for said message, wherein said attribute comprises at one least of:

said message identifier;
said destination identifier;
said disposition identifier; and
said status notification.

40. (Original) The system of claim 39, said processor further operative to perform administrative functionality, wherein said administrative functionality comprises at least one of:

deleting said attribute;
monitoring said attribute; moving said attribute;
forwarding said attribute;
securing said attribute;
archiving said attribute;

backing up said attribute;
informing a recipient of said attribute; and
blocking said attribute.

41. (Original) The system of claim 39, further comprising a data repository operative to store said attribute.

42. (Original) The system of claim 41, wherein said data repository comprises a database.

43. (Original) The system of claim 41, wherein said data repository comprises:
a first database for storing said message; and
a second database for storing said attribute.

44 -47. (Cancelled)

48. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 4751, wherein said intelligent peripheral is further operative to bill a party to said message for said generating of said status notification or reply.

49. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 4451, wherein said triggering event further comprises a passage of time.

50. (Cancelled).

51. (Currently Amended) A system to provide a status notification or reply for a voicemail message in an advanced intelligence network (AIN) comprising an intelligent peripheral operative to:

prompt a message sender to assign a message identifier and a destination identifier for said message in response to a request of said status notification or reply, the destination identifier comprising a destination format and a destination address;

associate said message identifier and said destination identifier with said message;
and

generate said status notification or reply addressed and formatted according to
said destination identifier, in response to a triggering event;

wherein said intelligent peripheral is further operative to assign a disposition
identifier to said message to track a change to a status of said message, said disposition
identifier responding to a disposition event, said triggering event including said

13 disposition event wherein said disposition event comprises at least one of a managing 50
event and a dispatching event; The system of claim 50, wherein said managing event
comprises at least one of:

accessing said message;

deleting said message;

presenting an indication of said message

expiring said message; and

terminating a recipient of said message from said AIN.

52. (Currently Amended) A system to provide a status notification or reply for a
voicemail message in an advanced intelligence network (AIN) comprising an intelligent
peripheral operative to:

prompt a message sender to assign a message identifier and a destination
identifier for said message in response to a request of said status notification or reply, the
destination identifier comprising a destination format and a destination address;

associate said message identifier and said destination identifier with said message;
and

generate said status notification or reply addressed and formatted according to
said destination identifier, in response to a triggering event;

wherein said intelligent peripheral is further operative to assign a disposition
identifier to said message to track a change to a status of said message, said disposition
identifier responding to a disposition event, said triggering event including said
disposition event wherein said disposition event comprises at least one of a managing
event and a dispatching event;

~~The system of claim 50~~, wherein said managing event comprises at least one of:
denying said status notification of said message; and
malfunctioning of said status notification of said message.

53. (Currently Amended) A system to provide a status notification or reply for a voicemail message in an advanced intelligence network (AIN) comprising an intelligent peripheral operative to:

prompt a message sender to assign a message identifier and a destination identifier for said message in response to a request of said status notification or reply, the destination identifier comprising a destination format and a destination address;

associate said message identifier and said destination identifier with said message;
and

generate said status notification or reply addressed and formatted according to said destination identifier, in response to a triggering event;

wherein said intelligent peripheral is further operative to assign a disposition identifier to said message to track a change to a status of said message, said disposition identifier responding to a disposition event, said triggering event including said disposition event wherein said disposition event comprises at least one of a managing event and a dispatching event;

~~The system of claim 50~~, wherein said dispatching event comprises at least one of:
forwarding said message; and
replying to said message.

54. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 4451, wherein said destination identifier comprises:

an address identifier having said destination address; and
a format identifier having said destination format.

55. (Original) The system of claim 54, wherein said address identifier comprises at least one of:

an email address; and

an access address.

56. (Original) The system of claim 54, wherein said format identifier comprises at least one of:

- an audio format;
- a video format;
- a text format;
- a short message service format; and
- a markup language document format.

57. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 4451, further comprising:
a service switching point functionally connected to said intelligent peripheral; and
an interface functionally connected to a service switching point and operative to accept communications from a second communications network.

58. (Original) The system of claim 57, further comprising a mobile telephone switching office (MTSO) functionally connected to said interface and operative to facilitate said status notification and reply directed to a cellular device

59. (Original) The system of claim 57, further comprising a computer network functionally connected to said interface and operative to facilitate said status notification and reply directed to a computer network client device.

60. (Original) The system of claim 57, further comprising a personal digital assistant communications network functionally connected to said interface and operative to facilitate said status notification and reply directed to a personal digital assistant.

61. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 4451, wherein said message identifier comprises at least one of:

- a type identifier;
- an alphanumeric identifier;

a capabilities identifier; and
an annotation.

62. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 4451, wherein said message identifier comprises at least one of:

- a communication network identifier;
- a device identifier
- a role identifier;
- a party identifier;
- a date identifier; and
- a time identifier.

63. (Original) The system of claim 62, wherein said role identifier comprises at least one of:

- an originator;
- a sender;
- a caller;
- a recipient; and
- a system administrator.

64. (Original) The system of claim 62, wherein said party identifier comprises at least one of:

- an email address; an access address;
- a voice sample; and an image.

65. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 4551, said intelligent peripheral further operative for storing an attribute for said status notification for said message, wherein said attribute comprises at least one of:

- said message identifier; said destination identifier; said disposition identifier; and
- said status notification.

66. (Original) The system of claim 65, further comprising a service management system functionally connected to said intelligent peripheral, operative to perform administrative functionality comprising at least one of:
deleting said attribute; monitoring said attribute; moving said attribute.